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BALLERINA ON ICE

Belita talks to the CN about the ups and downs of her career

FIRST night nerves do not normally trouble Belita, but when the ice version of *The White Horse Inn* opens at London's Empress Hall, on Thursday, she will be wondering whether she is going to stay on her feet throughout the show.

Belita told CN correspondent Edward Lanchbery that one of her falls occurred on the opening night of an ice show in America. After their opening dance, the chorus formed a guard of honour as the spotlight focused on the star's entrance. Belita darted on, glided forward to acknowledge the applause—and went flat on her face!

Belita takes her spills philosophically. "You lose your balance on ice too often to lose your sense of proportion," she says. "The likelihood of a fall is always on hand, waiting to bring the performer down to earth with a bump."

Belita, named after a railroad station and cattle ranch which her grandfather built in the Argentine towards the end of last century, began to study at a school of ballet when she was four.

She was fortunate that her mother, Mrs. Jepson-Turner, a founder member of the committee of the Royal Academy of Dancing, was not only anxious that she should learn to dance, but was also in a position to see that she had the best possible training.

Mrs. Jepson-Turner decided that ice-skating would help her daughter's dancing by giving her a sense of space, speed, balance, and elevation. Then the Swiss figure-skating champion, Jacques Gerschweiler, who still coaches Belita, was engaged as her instructor.

At first skating was always a secondary interest; it was never regarded as anything but an aid to

Meanwhile the famous ballet dancer, Anton Dolin, had watched Belita practising one morning on the ice rink at the Queen's Club in London.

"If you can dance as well as you can skate," he had said, "I shall be happy to teach you."

When she went to Anton Dolin's studio for the audition Belita was so nervous and excited at the thought of learning ballet from such a master that she could not do a thing properly. The knowledge that she was failing to do her best, and letting her chance slip from under her feet, did not help matters; and finally she sat on the floor and burst into tears.

DANCING WITH DOLIN

She need not have distressed herself. Beneath her stumbling and fumbling, Anton Dolin had seen signs of a natural talent; and by the end of her first year with him she had made such progress that Dolin took her as his partner to dance *The Blue Bird* at a charity concert in aid of a French children's hospital.

To a girl of eleven it was an unforgettable day. There was her ballet dress made by Pavlova's own designer; there was the excitement of the performance and applause; and there was the thrilling present of a white, flower-embroidered dressing-gown to mark the occasion.

Belita was still too young to think of professional performances, but occasional charity performances gave her added encouragement to keep up the rigorous routine of learning, practising, and thinking ballet.

TRIBUTE

At one concert, Noel Coward accompanied her on the piano. When Belita finished her dance, he rose and bowed to her.

"Had I known that I was to play for an artist," he said gravely, "I would have practised."

Dolin gave her time off from her ballet lessons to enter for the Olympics, and at the age of 12 she won through the trials to a place in the British skating team. Afterwards, against experienced seniors like Cecilia Colledge and

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All hands on deck!

Peeling potatoes is just one of the duties of these Sea Rangers during their training course on a naval vessel at Dartmouth.

TELE-TROLLEY

A coin-operated tele-trolley has been introduced into the wards of a hospital at Acton, Middlesex.

It can be wheeled to a patient's bedside so that he can make a telephone call and thus keep in touch with home or business. Many children, too, will be glad of the opportunity to ring up their homes.

The Postmaster-General inaugurated the service with a call to the Minister of Health.

HIS OWN FIRE

Firemen bound for a fire near Kirkintilloch, Dumbartonshire, stopped a passer-by to ask for directions. He proved to be the occupant of the burning house, and this was the first he had heard of the outbreak.

VAN FULL OF BEES

A consignment of 50,000 bees, on a London to Southend train, escaped through a hole in their box. Very soon the floor and walls of the guard's van were inches deep in bees. They were scheduled to change at Woodham Ferrers but, understandably enough, were allowed by the guard to continue undisturbed to Southend while an urgent message for help was sent ahead.

At Southend the local police bee expert entered the guard's van quite unprotected, scooped up the bees in handfuls with his bare hands into a sack, and coolly handed the sack over to the astonished and admiring guard.

Confidence and courage, born of experience often take the sting out of danger.

RING FOR REPAIRS

If anyone in Devon, Colorado, U.S.A., needs some household repairs, he has only to ring the Opportunity School. The students are taking trade and craft courses and welcome the chance to "learn by doing."

For instance, students will repair faulty refrigerators, television sets, and clocks and watches. They will remove dents from a car mudguard or sole and heel shoes.

Patrons provide the cost of materials but there is no charge for the labour.

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Belita

the more serious business of learning to dance. Her coach was certainly not impressed by her early efforts on skates, and considered that she showed no more than average promise.

But constant practice and determination brought their reward. At the age of eleven Belita won the silver medal, and in the following year the gold medal, of the National Skating Association.

SERVANT OF THE WORLD

CN Diplomatic Correspondent

ONE of the world's biggest burdens of responsibility is that borne by Dr. Dag Hammarskjöld, the Swedish statesman who is Secretary-General of the United Nations. He is the executive head of this world organisation, upon which new and even heavier duties of nursing peaceful co-operation between East and West are expected to fall in the coming months.

Since his election was unanimously approved by the Security Council of the U.N. little more than a year ago, Dr. Hammarskjöld has been quietly preparing the staff of this world organisation for the further strains which it must survive if it is to continue to serve the cause of peace.

He has been carrying out a thorough reorganisation of the Secretariat, the administrative machine, for the work it must do.

The most sternly opposed elements in the United Nations membership have regarded his efforts with respect and appreciation.

What manner of man is Dr. Dag Hjalmar Hammarskjöld, the most important civil servant of the world?

SCHOLAR AND SPORTSMAN

He is still in his forties, fair-haired, with the easy stride of the athlete, and the quick mind of the trained scholar. He is a keen student of economics and he has a fondness for poetry—not least for English poetry. But he is also a skilled mountaineer and yachtsman, and has explored a good deal of Arctic Lapland. In addition he is a keen photographer.

Since he became Secretary-General, however, he has had little opportunity for his favourite pursuits, for he has had to spend much of his time at the U.N. headquarters in New York.

But Dr. Hammarskjöld is

dedicated to his international mission, and he is essentially a citizen of the world.

One of his greatest assets is his ability to look objectively at issues arousing anger and hostility between countries. It is a quality inherited from his father, who was Prime Minister of Sweden during the First World War and zealously maintained his country's traditional attitude of neutrality in international disputes.

Dag, the youngest of four sons, was born at Jönköping in Southern Sweden. He went to a day school in that little lakeside town, and early became noted for his love of reading. Everywhere he went he carried at least one book in his pocket.

BRILLIANT THESIS

Then he went to Uppsala University, where his father had been a professor of law, and gradually turned to economics. He wrote a brilliant thesis on the subject which is recalled to this day.

He was recently reminded of it, and with a characteristic humour and modesty, he observed: "I wish I was still able to understand what I wrote then."

His keen understanding of economic problems has in fact been of the greatest service to the whole of Europe. He excelled in the years after the Second World War at the Paris meetings of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation. It was said of him then that he could always find ways by which differing opinions could eventually be reconciled.

Dag Hammarskjöld now has even greater scope for this great quality. Much depends on his success.

BALLERINA ON ICE

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Megan Taylor, she finished third in the British championship; and, by far the youngest competitor, was placed ninth in the world championship.

On reaching her fourteenth birthday Belita made her professional debut as Anton Dolin's partner in Rhapsody on Ice at Covent Garden. There had been ice spectacles before, but that was the beginning of ballet on ice.

Ballet was still her first love, but a fall at Covent Garden damaged her back, and she was finally sent to see a specialist in the United States. She was in America when war came, and, being under sixteen, was told to remain where she was.

To supplement the small currency allowance under the

evacuation scheme, Belita began giving skating exhibitions in the intervals at ice hockey matches. These were the springboard that was to take her to stardom in ice shows and films.

Fate had taken matters out of her hands, and Belita found herself turned off the road of pure ballet in its accepted form and established as a ballerina on ice.

SHILLINGS IN THE SLOT

The enormous number of shilling-in-the-slot meters for gas and electricity results in 175 million shillings being always out of circulation. That is the average number which, on any day of the year, has disappeared down the slot. And as the housing programme develops this number is likely to increase.



PERHAPS one of the most famous of Parliamentary phrases is "Trust the people." Sir Winston Churchill holds it with the same conviction as his father before him.

Like many slogans, it needs explaining, and happily the explanation is fairly simple. It derives from the old saying that two heads are better than one. From that we pass on to the British jury system which, whatever its faults, commonly arrives at a "true verdict."

From there it is but a step to the spectacle of millions of people casting votes at an election. When we look back over a series of past elections, and see what some Governments have done and other Governments have undone, we realise that wisdom, in the end, resides in the people.

THE point was well made by the famous Earl of Rosebery, a great orator with an acute understanding of political science. During an election, he said, the skill of the electorate lays bare all the secrets in the politicians' hearts.

That is just another way of saying "Trust the people"—and Mr. Chuter Ede, a former Home Secretary, used the allusion recently in defence of the heckler.

He fears political broadcasting—and television—has destroyed the heckler. It is no good shouting at a man who cannot see or hear you.

ONE of the most revolutionary changes in Parliamentary habits of thought is conveyed in less than a column space of the House of Lords' Hansard.

In this column the other week we were discussing the Lords' standing orders. One of them is the rule—and the Commons have it as well—that *anything* published about the proceedings of either House is a breach of privilege.

The fact that CN is allowed to report extracts from questions and debates is purely a matter of usage. But the rule is kept as a reminder that transgressions and abuses will not be lightly brooked and that there was once a reason—the need to keep parliamentary matters secret from autocratic monarchs—for imposing the rule.

Now, in less than a column, the Lords have altered their rule of 1699 to read: "The printing or publishing of anything relating to the proceedings of the House is *subject* to the privilege of the House."

The reminder remains, but the harshness of the rule is mitigated. Nevertheless it will not affect those who respect the Parliamentary institution and, by word of mouth or in writing, are among the first to defend it.

TODAY the British motorist is grossly overtaxed... By the time he gets (his car) onto the road he is nearly bankrupt.—Sir Peter Macdonald, M.P.

News from Everywhere

Royal Humane Society certificates for gallantry have been awarded to Valerie Lusted and Valerie Stone, 15-year-old pupils of the Wyckham Modern Secondary School at Neasden, N.W. London, for rescuing a night watchman from a blazing hut.

The Queen has established a new medal for firemen's long and meritorious service.

WHISTLES WHILE IT WORKS

Bombay Customs officials are now using a detector which whistles when passed over gold or other precious metals.

The Gilbert White Memorial Fund is hoping to secure and endow the great naturalist's home at Selborne, in Hampshire.

Two French astronomers went up 22,500 feet in a balloon to study Mars through a specially-constructed eleven-inch telescope.

India has decided that she cannot at present afford a television service.

BEST BUTTER

Eleven-year-old Marjorie Houghton of Witheridge, Devon, beat her mother and 24-year-old sister and everyone else in a butter-making competition at Exeter.

A new machine being used at a Derby hosiery factory can produce eight garments at a time and sew 192,000 stitches a minute.

Farming experts at an international conference in Nairobi assessed world food production in the past year as having been the biggest on record.

HOSPITAL OF GRATITUDE

A hospital built with funds subscribed by the people of the United States has been dedicated and handed over to the people at St. John's, Newfoundland. It is a token of gratitude for the heroic rescue work of residents of St. Lawrence and Lawn in 1942 when two American ships were lost in the region.

A new iron ore factory at Copper Cliff in Ontario will have a 615-foot chimney—thought to be the tallest in the Commonwealth.

A London gasometer (at Sands End Lane, Fulham) is to be preserved as an architectural and historic structure. Still in service after 124 years, it is believed to be the oldest working gasometer in the world.

BIG BUSINESS

Offered for sale by a pet shop at Beeston, Nottinghamshire—42 Indian elephants.

At a ceremony on Saturday, Mr. James Stuart, Secretary of State for Scotland, will name new forestry land in Ben Lomond, Loch Ard Forest, and part of the Trossachs as the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park in commemoration of the Coronation.

Pass your time pleasantly!

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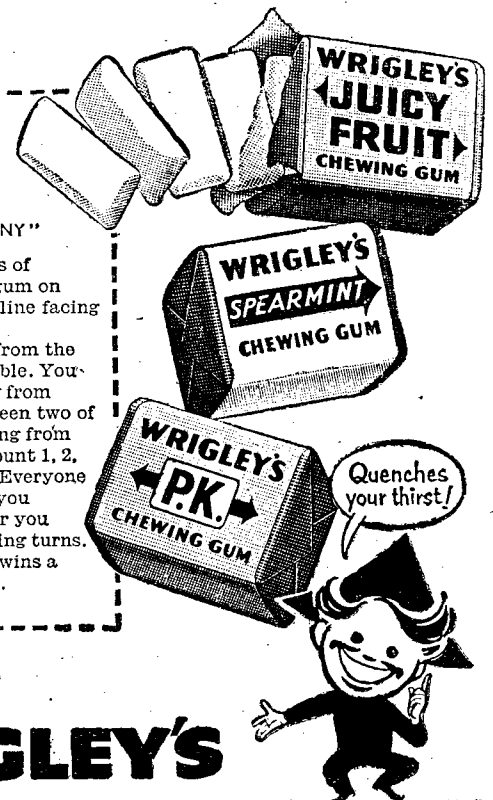
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WRIGLEY

GAME No. 5

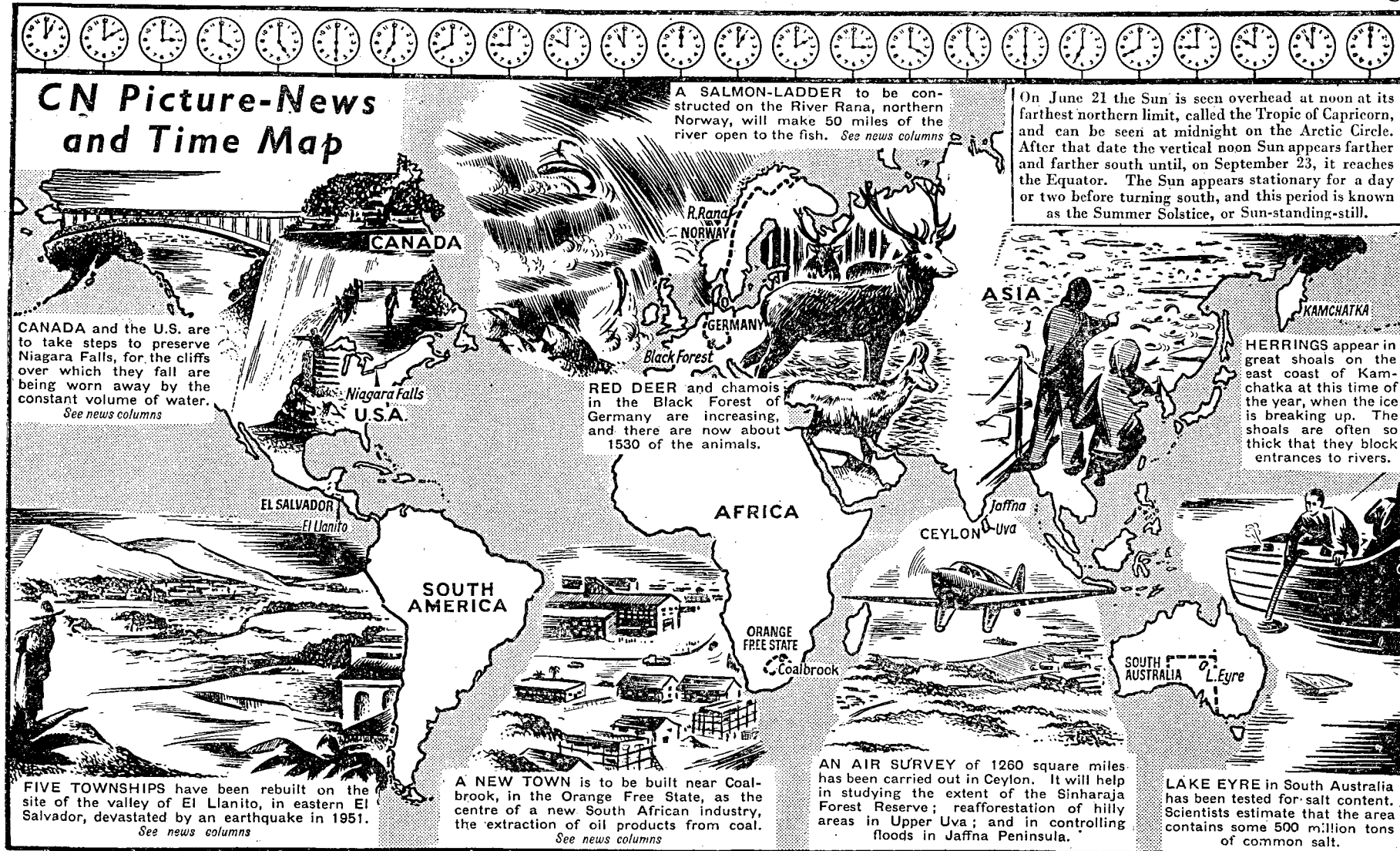
"BOWLING THE PENNY"

Stand seven packets of Wrigley's chewing gum on end. Put them in a line facing you about one inch apart and two feet from the edge of a smooth table. You have to roll a penny from the table-edge between two of the packets. Starting from the left, the gaps count 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 points. Everyone has six tries but if you knock a packet over you forfeit your remaining turns. The highest scorer wins a packet of Wrigley's.



Chew

WRIGLEY'S



PRESERVING NIAGARA

The cliffs over which the Niagara Falls tumble are now being worn away in places at a rate of between one to four feet every year. It has been estimated that since Niagara was discovered in 1678, the Canadian Horseshoe Falls alone have been worn back about 900 feet.

A joint scheme, costing 17,500,000 dollars, is to be undertaken by the Canadian and American Governments to preserve the grandeur of this world-famous natural spectacle.

More water above the Falls will be diverted to hydro-electric use, thus reducing the flow over the cliffs to 50,000 cubic feet a second, which is a fourth of the normal amount.

But by day during Spring and summer the volume of water will be increased to 100,000 cubic feet a second for the benefit of the three million visitors who come to Niagara every year.

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MORE RICE

Rice is the basic food of more than half of the world's people, and in some regions demand has often exceeded available supply. Now the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) is helping many rice-growing countries to enlarge local supplies.

FAO believes that modern methods can enable rice-eating peoples to produce up to 50 per cent more rice from areas already under cultivation.

SOUTH AFRICA'S NEW TOWN

South Africa is building a big new industry and a new town as its centre. One of the Union's difficulties is that she has no oil and all she uses must be brought from America. She has, however, plenty of coal.

Now she has decided to extract oil products from her coal. The plant which she has begun to build for this project will be the largest in the world. It is being built not far from Coalbrook, in the Orange Free State, the centre of big coal mines.

The new town for the new industry is to be called Sasolburg.

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SPIDERS IN THE ARMY

The United States Army now has 40 of the deadly "black widow" spiders officially enrolled on the strength. Working in the Army Engineering Unit at Columbus, Ohio, these spiders spin fine, but very tough webs, which are made into sighting-hairs in expensive optical instruments used by the military technicians. These fine strong web-hairs are also used in gun-sights.

ROYAL CAR

A car just delivered to the King of Saudi Arabia from an Italian works has the royal arms in solid gold, and contains a radio-receiver-transmitter with a transmission radius of 50 miles.

It is 21 feet long, weighs over 20 tons, and can travel up to 100 m.p.h.

THEIR VALLEY OF HOPE

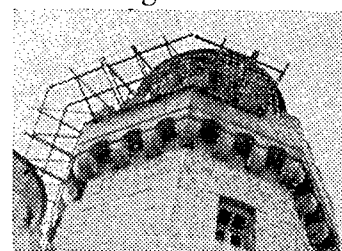
In 1951 the valley of El Llanito, in eastern El Salvador was devastated by an earthquake. The name of the valley meant "the valley of the small plain," but when the government's plans to rebuild the area were announced a chance description by a reporter led to the adoption of the name Valle de la Esperanza (the valley of hope).

Four years of reconstruction have brought new hope to the valley, and in place of the single large city which had been planned, the inhabitants' local loyalties have been maintained and the five original townships have all been rebuilt.

Each town, however, will have its own special part in the valley's economic structure. One will be the cultural centre, and the others will be identified with various industries.

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Alight here



Bryce Collishaw, eleven-year-old CN reader of Norwich, took this picture when on holiday in the Isle of Wight. It shows the wire frames put up as resting places for migratory birds attracted by the beam of St. Catherine's lighthouse.

HELPING SALMON UP RIVER

A salmon-ladder or fish-pass costing nearly £16,000, and said to be the biggest in Northern Europe, is to be constructed on the River Rana, northern Norway. This will enable the salmon to pass a waterfall which has hitherto prevented them travelling more than a few miles up the river.

This ladder will make 50 miles of the Rana accessible to the salmon, and is expected to increase the yield of fish to about 150,000 pounds annually.

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FULL MARKS FOR JENNIFER

Eleven-year-old Jennifer Lock, of Southall, Middlesex, gained full marks in the West London Branch of the National Sunday School Scripture Examinations. This is the second successive year in which she has won first place in the Upper Junior Division for West London. Last year she came out with 95 per cent.

On top of this splendid achievement, Jennifer has won a scholarship to the Haberdashers' Aske's Acton Girls' School.

HIGHWAY KINDNESS

A Kent reader reports two instances of the kindness of lorry drivers. One young driver climbed down from his lorry and gently lifted two tiny partridges out of the road. Another, not many miles away, was seen to alight and carefully shoo a brood of ducklings onto the grass verge.

BOLTON ABBEY'S 800 YEARS

A week of special events opens on Saturday at Bolton Priory, usually, but inaccurately, called Bolton Abbey. Lying in the heart of Yorkshire's lovely Wharfedale, it is 800 years old this year.

The Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Garbett, is to open the celebrations, commemorating the priory's foundation in 1154, when he preaches at a Thanksgiving Service at which H.R.H. The Princess Royal and the Earl and Countess of Harewood are expected to be present.

Bolton Hall, owned by the Duke of Devonshire, was originally the gatehouse of the Priory, and an exhibition illustrating the priory's history will be housed there. Many interesting things will be on show to the public, including a rosary of King Henry VIII, who gave the hall to the Earl of Cumberland after the Reformation, and a number of rare manuscripts.

Pupils of the Sixth Form at Skipton Grammar School, assisted by members of the Leeds Thoresby Society, have been building a scale-model of Bolton Priory as it was before the Dissolution of the Monasteries, and this will be shown to visitors.

OLDEST PLAYGROUND

Children at Carbrooke, Norfolk, have one of the oldest trees in England as a "playground." It is a hollow oak, believed to be more than 1000 years old, and it makes a wonderful den for the children.

CAMERA CORNER

Continuing our series of articles by an expert to help in getting better results from a favourite hobby.

12. Photographs in the garden

THE garden is the most popular place for taking amateur photographs; but whether it is photographed for itself alone or is used as a background for portraits, camera angle is very important.

If you want to photograph your aunt, do not place her close to a tree, a bush, or a flower-bed. Putting her in front of a tree may result in a picture showing it apparently growing out of the top of her head! This is quite common and can only be avoided by careful positioning. If you have a focusing camera you can measure the distance to your subject and then, using the correct setting, make your subject stand out boldly against the background.

ALWAYS avoid backgrounds that are "bitty" or will be spotty in the print. Examples are tree branches, fences, brick walls, and bushes with sunlight shining through from the back. One way out is to have the subject sitting in a deck chair and the camera pointed downwards. A natural picture can then be produced with a simple background.

No doubt you will think of many other ways of finding suitable backgrounds in your own garden.

The full-length portrait with the subject's arms by the side and the eyes staring straight ahead

is better suited to police records than to a photographer's album. Head and shoulder portraits are often more attractive, and by moving close you can eliminate a bad background.

Do not be afraid to use a low camera angle, for the sky makes an excellent background.

Instead of full face pictures, stand a little to one side and you will then have a "three-quarter view." This view concentrates on one side of the subject's face and is mid-way between a full face and a profile.

WHEN taking photographs of the garden only, remember that the lovely colours of the flowers will be reduced to mere black and white in the camera. You will find that there is little interest in an overall view and that it is better to take close-ups of small portions of the garden.

With even Pan films, the green leaves may come out as dark patches and the details in the leaves will be lost.

In order to lighten the green and show the detail it is best to use a medium yellow filter over the lens. This is the best filter for general use out of doors, but if you want to show a coloured bloom as almost white on the print, use a medium filter of the same colour as the bloom.

W. S. S.

It happened this week

KING AND THE GREAT CHARTER

JUNE 15, 1215. RUNNY-MEDE—In this tranquil setting King John, surrounded by his Bishops, today reluctantly set his seal upon the Great Charter.

This Charter guarantees that no free man shall be imprisoned, outlawed or exiled, except by judgment of his peers or by the law of the land, thereby safeguarding the liberties of all classes against tyranny.

Twenty-five barons will act as guardians of the Charter, with powers to decide matters in dispute by majority decisions.

If the King or any of his officers fail to observe its terms, four of the twenty-five guardians can demand that the matter be corrected within forty days.

Today's dramatic parley with the angry barons has only just averted civil war.

(The original manuscript of Magna Carta has been lost. The finest manuscript copy is at Lincoln.)

NAPOLEON DEFEATED

JUNE 18, 1815. WATERLOO, NEAR MIDNIGHT—The Duke of Wellington and his allies routed Napoleon's 74,000-strong army here today after a twelve-hour battle of incredible magnitude and intensity.

The field of battle presents a fantastic scene.

The French are in full flight, hotly pursued by the victors, and the defeated emperor, who before the battle this morning rode arrogantly down the lines of his cheering troops, is believed to be trying to reach Paris.

Shortly after one o'clock this afternoon Napoleon ordered Marshal Ney to lead the main attack and Wellington and his forces magnificently resisted the furious assaults of the enemy until nearly 5 p.m.

The arrival of Prussian reinforcements helped to bring victory to the Allies.

Two hours ago Wellington and Blucher met at La Belle Alliance to plan the final stages in their pursuit of an enemy army which has now become merely a fleeing rabble.

It is said that half the French Army has been sacrificed in today's defeat.

THE NEW POLICE

JUNE 19, 1829. LONDON—A new police force to operate in the Metropolis, Middlesex, Surrey, Hertford, Essex, and Kent is to be established from today.

The Act authorising this re-modelling of London's police was introduced in the Commons by Mr. Robert Peel, and wits are already referring to the police as "Peelers."

Offences against property have lately increased disquietingly, and it is hoped that the new force will prevent an increase in crime and, consequently, pave the way for the easing of the present criminal code.

ERNEST THOMSON says that this week TV cameras will visit...

BRITAIN'S WORST ROAD

Putting cars through their paces

WATCH out for excitement, and fun, in TV's third edition of Driving Club on Friday. The cameras will show some of the worst stretches of roadway in Britain—the Motor Industry Research Association's new proving ground at Lindley, near Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

Cars, lorries, buses, and motorcycles are driven over roads with corrugated surfaces, dips and bumps, water splashes, a dust tunnel, and a gruelling cross-country track. The ground also has one of Britain's best roads—a high-speed track with steep cambered curves.

Colonel "Goldie" Gardner's Magic Midget car will show its paces, and in a mystery event called The Experts Compete, star drivers like Ken Wharton and Reg Phillips will be asked to cope with Lindley's worst. TV commentator will be Raymond Baxter.

Just Fancy again

THE oldest men in radio must be those quaint and ancient characters played by Eric Barker and Derek Guyler in Just Fancy. After an absence of eleven months they will be back for another series in the Home Service on Friday with Pearl Hackney.



Eric Barker

Two young newcomers are Kenneth Connor, who played many different characters in Ray's a

Laugh, and Charlotte Mitchell, one of last summer's Light Optimists. The weekly musical joke will be provided by the Lilian Forsdyke Trio, the lady musicians from the so-called Westbourne-on-Sea Tea Rooms.

The composer speaks

WHAT goes on in a composer's mind as he creates a piece of music? Sir Arthur Bliss, Master of the Queen's Musick, will try to show viewers the process in TV on Friday.

This time the Conductor Speaks series, changes its name to The Composer Speaks, since Sir Arthur is best known as a composer. Many will remember his stirring fanfare for the Coronation and the more recent Welcome the Queen march for the film celebrating her Majesty's return to London last month.

Sir Arthur was a pioneer of film music, beginning with H. G. Wells's The Shape of Things to Come. A chess enthusiast, he wrote the Checkmate ballet for Sadler's Wells. A devotee of opera, he composed The Olympians. He will conduct the Philharmonia Orchestra in all three types of music.

Ask Dad

THE BBC has received nearly 10,000 ideas for TV panel games. Eight have been chosen by Producers Brian Tesler and Dicky Leaman for single tests during the summer, and the most successful game or games will be given an autumn run.

Trial runs begin on June 29 with a musical quiz, followed on July 6 by Ask Your Dad. In this game, four young people, each accompanied by a studio "father," will compete in answering posers. If stumped they will have to Ask Dad.

TV studios in Manchester

MANCHESTER has the first BBC television studios outside London. They have just been acquired from a film studio, and are now being re-equipped.

Inventions by the score



Geoffrey Bournemouth and John Gilbert, technical advisors of Inventors' Club, demonstrate a new type of paddle

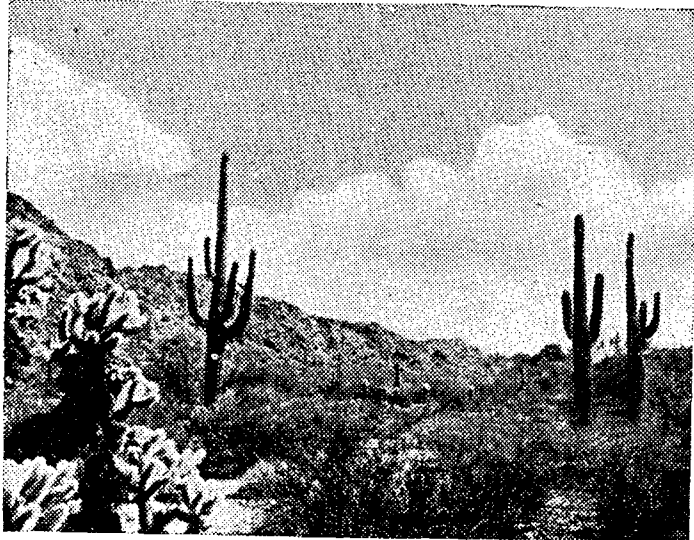
TELEVISION'S Inventors' Club, which reached its 50th programme last week, has a long list of inventions awaiting display on the screen.

Among nearly 30 items recently previewed for inclusion in the

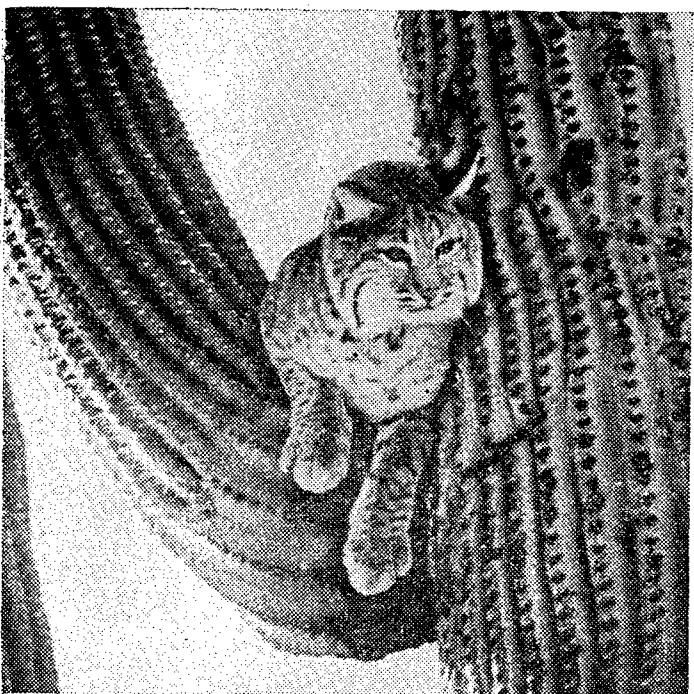
next programme were a reversible bicycle saddle, a low voltage TV set, a transparent plastic disc for drawing facial likenesses, a continuously tinned soldering iron, and a gadget for transposing music from one key to another.

It's more than an impression—it's a fact that more cyclists than ever ride on DUNLOP

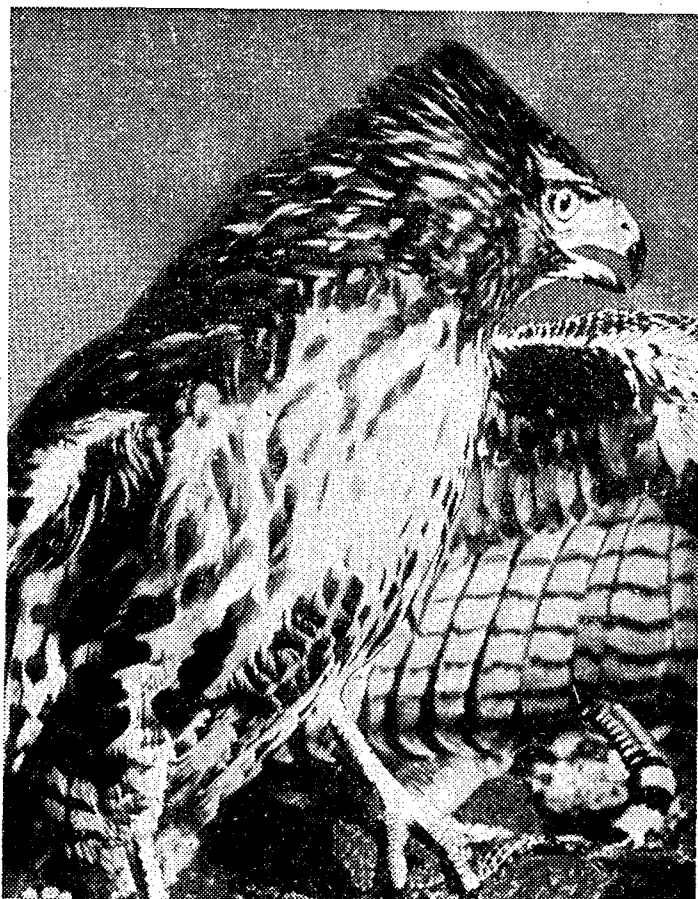
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Part of the Great American Desert where Walt Disney's wonderful new nature film was made



A bobcat (lynx) finds refuge high in a cactus safe from unfriendly peccaries which have chased him there



The fierce red-tailed hawk attacking a rattlesnake

The C N Film Critic reviews a wonderful new Nature film by Walt Disney

LIFE IN THE DESERT

MANY of us have got into the way of thinking that there is nothing alive at all in a desert. When the word is mentioned we tend to think of an almost featureless expanse of drifting dry sand, incapable of keeping any animal or plant alive.

But Walt Disney has made a film of fascinating interest about the Great American Desert, and from beginning to end (it lasts for over an hour) it is full of many kinds of living things.

The Great American Desert lies east of the Sierra Nevada and Cascade mountains, which take all the rain from the clouds coming in from the Pacific Ocean. It stretches from Oregon down to Mexico and from California across to Texas, a bleak expanse; but this film shows that in such a desert there exists almost every kind of living creature.

MANY of them are not at all attractive. There are several, like the scorpions for instance (though even they are amusing as we watch them wriggling and lunging about to the music of a square-dance), that will perhaps give qualms to those of you who do not like insects.

In a hot, semi-tropical place like this desert the insects are big, and

the cinema screen makes them bigger. And when there is a fight between a great brown tarantula and the ugly black pepsis wasp, you do not mind at all which of them wins.

But most of the picture is concerned with the most amusing and charming little animals, like the little kangaroo rats (which escape their enemies by jumping like miniature kangaroos) and the roundtail squirrels, just the sort of small creatures that Walt Disney might use as characters in a cartoon film.

THERE are snakes, but in these beautiful colour pictures some of them look almost friendly. There are all sorts of birds, including unpleasant ones such as the vultures (though even these

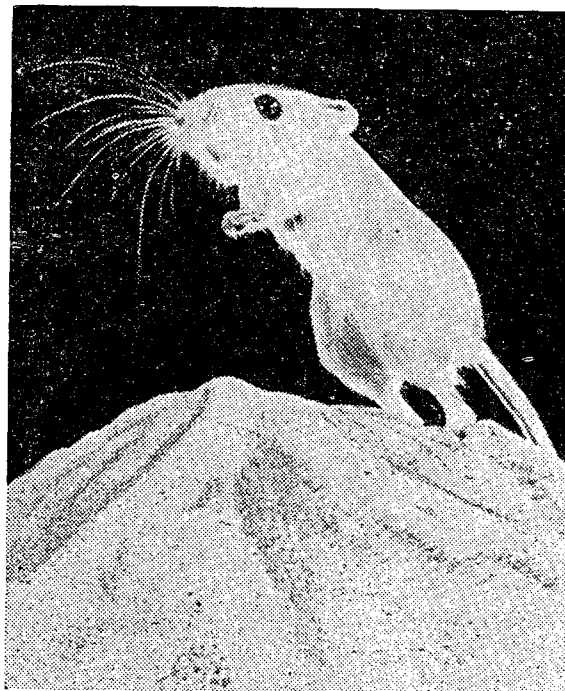
look fine as they spread their huge wings in the sun), and much more attractive ones like the elf owl.

At least one of the creatures we see—the tortoise—actually has been used by Walt Disney in his cartoon films. One episode shows a fight, a lumbering, slow-moving battle between two tortoises, with each trying to put the other over onto its back, out of action.

There are, in fact, a great many fights; another is between a red-tailed hawk and a rattlesnake; and there are innumerable chases, even though they do not always end in fights.

ONE amusing scene shows a bobcat climbing frantically up a cactus to escape some peccaries. For in the animal world, nearly everything has either to fight or to run away to keep alive.

But none of the fights in the film lasts very long, and it is also full of beauty. There is a wonderful sequence at the end, showing the wild flowers as they open after a sudden flood, which is indescribably lovely. And the whole film is quite fascinating.



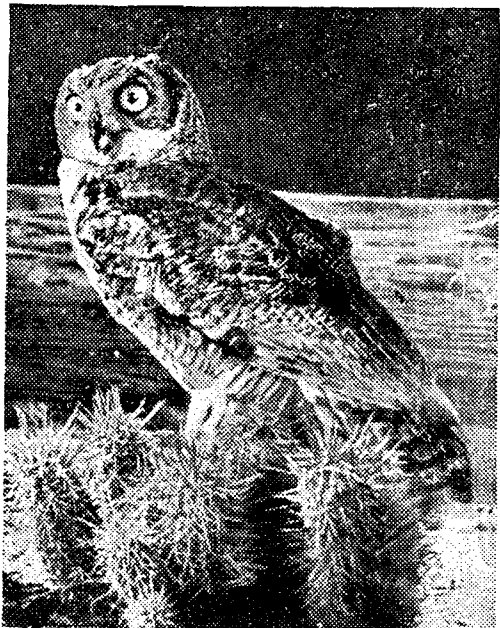
A kangaroo rat on his hind legs



A rat returning to its burrow in the desert sand



A ring-tailed cat looks inquiringly at the camera



An elf owl looks aggressively at the camera

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SIGNING A PLEDGE

AMERICAN Air Force men in Britain have set a fine example for all motorists. They have formed a society of drivers who pledge themselves in writing not to take risks on the roads which may lead to accidents.

Accidentals Anonymous, they call themselves, and among them are drivers who are aware of a tendency to drive recklessly; they wish to subdue it and to help others to do the same.

Stay off the Danger Road and turn right on Safety Street, is their watchword.

It is a splendid idea and one that should be copied not only by motorists, but by all road-users.

There are many occasions in life when we have to take risks; but never is there any justification for taking a risk which may endanger someone else's life.

TEAM WORK

SOME 2000 manufacturers of artificial and synthetic textiles met in Paris at the first international congress of their industry. For four days these delegates from several countries discussed fibre-making and listened to lectures on every aspect of it.

Most praiseworthy is this idea of fellow-traders from all over the world getting together to pool their ideas for the benefit of all.

Other industries would do well to hold similar conferences. They might lead to the founding of world trade guilds, a form of international team work which could help mankind to solve many of its most pressing problems.



Under the Editor's Table

PETER PUCK
WANTS TO
KNOW

If we pay
through the nose
for perfume

When you are out of temper go for a tramp, somebody advises. Hard on the tramp!

Flag days are becoming numerous again. And some people's enthusiasm for them is flagging.

THEY ALSO SERVE

SUGGESTIONS have been made that instead of rebuilding churches in the City of London, their sites should be sold to provide funds for building new churches elsewhere.

We trust that this will never happen.

Though few people now live in the City, hundreds of thousands spend from seven to eight hours a day there, and they need a place of quiet and worship, if only for a few minutes. To remove the City churches would serve to make the heart of the metropolis a spiritual desert.

Much of the special character of the City is due to its centuries-old churches. They stand, like patient witnesses, round many a corner, and it is for the City worker to use them more, as we believe he is now doing.

In the meantime: "They also serve, who only stand and wait."

Think on These Things

PSALM 91 is a Hebrew poem, rich in beautiful metaphor, that promises the protection of God.

The writer had no doubt that those who trust in the Lord will find Him a refuge and a fortress.

God's truths are a shield against the terrors of the night, the arrow that flieth by day, the pestilence that walketh in darkness, the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

From all perils, says the Psalmist, the Lord will deliver all that have faith and make Him their habitation.

"He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." F. P.

SILVER LINING

THERE is ever a song somewhere, my dear, There is ever a something sings away:

There's the song of the lark when the skies are clear, And the song of the thrush when the skies are grey.

The sunshine showers across the grain, And the bluebird trills in the orchard tree; And in and out, when the eaves dip rain, The swallows are twittering ceaselessly.

James Whitcomb Riley

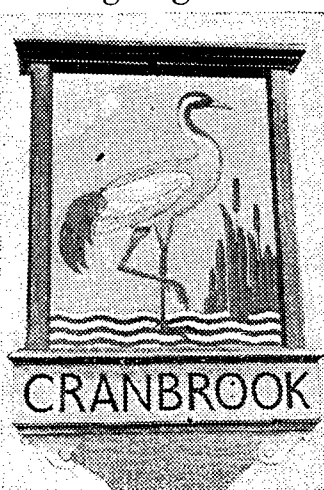
The Editor's Table

Three cheers for the doctor?

AN American skin specialist, Dr. Earl Osborn, has stated that "Daily bathing is the worst thing you can do to your skin—especially when you use soap."

It sounds like a revolutionary theory; actually it is one that has been held by small boys throughout the ages.

Village signs—20



This sign, erected to commemorate the Festival of Britain in 1951, is based on this Kent village's old name of Crane-brook.

New verse for young readers

AN appeal to all boys and girls to take an interest in modern verse is made by the chairman of the Poetry Book Society, Mr. Joseph Compton.

"Every literate adolescent boy and girl should be helped to discover poetry as a living art," he writes. "Anthologies are not enough. To have a book of verse fresh from the press and live with it for some days until passages and even poems are made your own is for anyone a vital experience: for the fifth and sixth formers its value is incalculable."

Love for poetry is one that grows with each passing year. He that acquires it has the key to inexhaustible riches. The Poetry Book Society, 7 Albemarle Street, London, W.1, has been formed to foster it, and it should have the support of all people of culture.

INQUIRING MIND

SEEING a Royal Air Force recruiting leaflet on a table at home, a seven-year-old Leeds boy enterprisingly completed the coupon asking for further particulars about enlistment.

He filled in his age correctly, and it is to the credit of the R.A.F. that they did not dismiss the application as frivolous. They sent the young inquirer full particulars, together with a supply of illustrated booklets that would gladden the heart of any air-minded lad—and keep him air-minded.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, June 21, 1924

A MAN talking at Poldhu, in Cornwall, was heard the other day at Sydney, 12,000 miles away.

It was Mr. Marconi, and his voice was heard not only in Australia, but in Canada, too. In Sydney it was picked up by Mr. Fisk in a private house; in Montreal it was heard on an ordinary receiving set by Mr. J. H. Thompson.

Australia heard at once; the message is known to have been received within the first five minutes of beginning the experiment. Mr. Marconi was speaking by ordinary wireless, using only experimental apparatus and small power.

SUMMER'S DAY

CLEAR had the day been from the dawn,
All chequered was the sky,
Thin clouds, like scarves of cobweb lawn,
Veiled heaven's most glorious eye.

The wind had no more strength than this,
That leisurely it blew
To make one leaf the next to kiss
That closely by it grew.

The rills, that on the pebbles played,
Might now be heard at will;
This world the only music made,
Else everything was still.

Michael Drayton

The Children's Newspaper, June 19, 1954

THEY SAY . . .

HOME life should have within it the spirit of adventure and co-operation and it should be encouraged, from the small child who wants to climb its first tree to your grown-up sons and daughters who may wish to venture from home and take up a new life in our Commonwealth of Nations.

Queen Elizabeth
the Queen Mother

THERE has been too great an inclination in the past to say that unless the nation took this action or that, it was headed for bankruptcy. I think it is better now . . . to look less at the penalties of failure and more at the rewards of success.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer

MY school reports rankle with me still. Always with maddening reiteration there appeared the same comment: "He could do better."

The Minister of Housing

I SEE no reason why this country cannot become the Hollywood of the television world.

The Assistant Postmaster-General

Out and About

ONE of the early signs (earlier in the South than the North) of real summer, is the cut hay, lying in sweet-smelling swathes on the ground to dry, or already stacked.

In many parts most of the pastures are now fawn-coloured, but we hope that July rains will soon spread a renewed greenness of what should become a second crop of hay.

When the "haysel" is half over we begin to watch the standing corn; the swelling ears on the fully grown stalks readily sway or ripple, like water, under every passing breeze.

And in a few weeks the cornfields will be ripening into gold. Autumn and the time of harvest will be with us again, all too soon.

C. D. D.

JUST AN IDEA

As Addison wrote: One should take good care not to grow too wise for so great a pleasure of life as laughter.

Lost swan

MANY good people of Kent must have kept an eye open for the black Australian swan which suddenly took off from the Prime Minister's estate at Chartwell early this month. Anyone seeing it was asked to communicate with No. 10 Downing Street.

This famous address must often have received communications which led only to a wild goose chase.

For No. 10 to be involved in a tame swan chase is something much rarer.



OUR HOMELAND

Leafy Long Crendon in Buckinghamshire

SCHOOL FARM

Continuing a series of articles describing all-the-year-round activities on a school farm in the South of England.

6. Haymaking and rick-building

WHEN haymaking begins on the school farm, all boys in the agricultural course know that there is no such thing as an official end to the afternoon session. They go home when they can, and they accept this quite cheerfully. They know what the month of June entails, and if they have any engagements for this month they know also that they may very well have to cancel them.

For not only will there be haymaking on the school farm,

came the big job of building a rick. One rick was made in one of the fields, another was made near the dairy on the school farm. For this rick the tractor and trailer made frequent journeys, bringing the hay back to where the rick was being built.

The pupils had seen hay-ricks built on farms where all modern machinery was used. Only the previous day, while their hay was drying, they had been to a farm to see a stacker at work. The stacker is an advance on the elevator, and saves the manual labour involved in pitching the sweeploads of hay from the ground into the lower end of the elevator.

Excellent as these stackers are, they are used mainly on the big hay fields as, in order to keep the implement going at full speed, four car sweeps are needed.

However, the school had no machinery and so the pupils built their ricks by hand, just as still happens on many small farms.

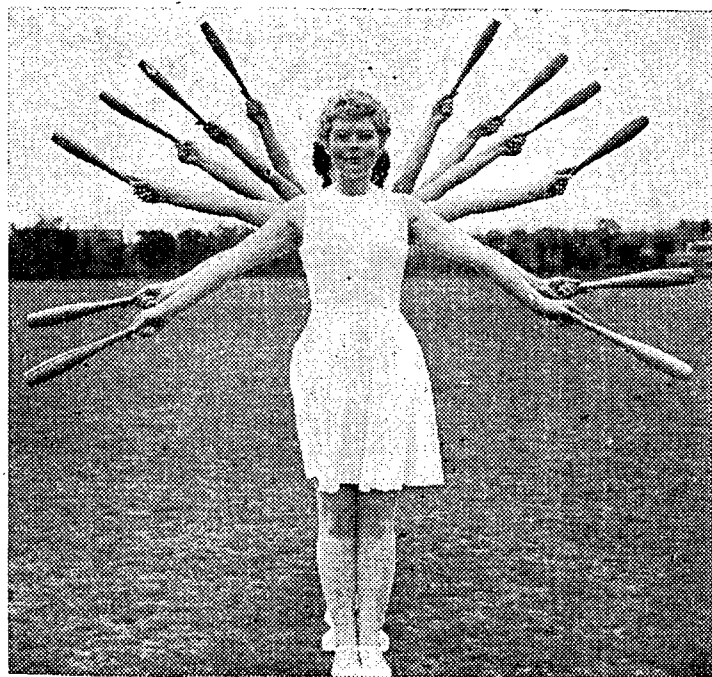
They soon took shape and the boys thoroughly enjoyed their work, some pitching up the hay, while others on the

partly finished rick received it and went on building.

Three fine ricks were soon settling down, all good June hay, which would be excellent winter feed for the livestock.

Puzzle Corner

This is how the camera saw six girls in line doing a high-precision practice for the club-swinging event at the Royal Tournament. They belong to the Combined Women's Services team.



DIGGING UP A PREHISTORIC WORKSHOP

Digging on Caldey, an island off the Pembrokeshire coast, a young Frenchman has helped unearth a treasury of ancient remains from periods as far back as 7000 B.C.

Frère Marie-Jacques, a lay brother of the Cistercian community living on Caldey, has devoted nearly all his time for the past four years to excavation in the island, thus revealing much of the pre-history of this part of Wales.

Among his finds, some of which are now on view at the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum in London, are many flint tools used by cave dwellers as long ago as 6000 and 7000 B.C. Most of these were found at Daylight Rock, which was a Stone Age "workshop."

CAVE-MAN COSMETICS

Some of the human remains found date back to the Mesolithic and Neolithic Ages, and among them is a skull and limb bones embedded in stalagmites. A lump of red substance found in one of the caves was used by primitive men for ornamenting their bodies. The pottery discovered ranges from the earliest times to a comparatively modern age.

Bones found in the cave included those of primitive horse, ox, and pig.

The young monk's efforts were directed by two distinguished archaeologists, Mr. A. D. Lacaille and Mr. W. F. Grimes on behalf of the University of Wales.

The discoveries on Caldey have not been confined to the prehistoric age. Among those of more recent dates are a rare specimen of a King Edward I silver penny, some medieval reckoning counters, a Charles I copper farthing, parts of 17th century clay pipes, and a small cat-bell which is possibly 400 years old.

Frère Marie-Jacques's painstaking work has helped to make a picture of life on Caldey Island during the past 90 centuries.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL HELICOPTER SERVICE

By the CN Flying Correspondent

In the House of Lords the other day it was predicted that helicopter services will one day be widely used throughout Europe.

"Within the next ten years," said Lord Douglas of Kirtleside, chairman of British European Airways, "all the shorter air routes in this country and the Continent will be flown by multi-engined helicopters."

MEANWHILE, the Belgian national airline Sabena is well to the fore in this field. With four Sikorsky S-55 helicopters, Sabena flies passengers and mail at 90 m.p.h. between Brussels, Lille, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Liege, Maastricht, Cologne, and Bonn, halving the time normally taken by train.

This month a new service will be opened from Brussels to Düsseldorf and Essen, in the Ruhr. Paris is next on the list of stops, and

passport and Customs offices, and a small restaurant. In front is the landing area, a sixty-foot square.

After formalities, the passenger pays his fare, which is about the same as first-class rail travel over the same route, and carrying up to 66 lbs. of baggage, boards the helicopter. The seven passengers sit in two rows of two facing one another, with a single row of three seats aft.

With a slightly swaying motion, the machine takes off, and after



A Sikorsky S-55 comes in to land

in two years' time Sabena plans to extend its services to the heart of London.

The chief advantage of an inter-city helicopter service lies, of course, in the time saved in travel. Not only do the helicopters link up with the airliners serving the rest of the world from Melsbroeck airport in Brussels, they also aid passengers landing from ocean-going liners at Rotterdam—scheduled calling point for 130 foreign shipping lines.

In nine months of continuous operation the airline has been completely accident-free, and its four helicopters have carried between them well over 7000 passengers.

EMERGENCY LANDING

An engine failure occurred on a flight to Rotterdam recently, but this is an eventuality for which all the pilots are fully prepared. The captain merely altered the pitch of the whirling rotors to the "autorotate" position, and as the 'copter descended, the force of the air turned the blades sufficiently for a perfectly safe landing to be made.

A typical passenger, bound for Brussels from Rotterdam goes to the Sabena heliport in the heart of the city, where he finds an airport in miniature. It has the appearance of a smart petrol-filling station, and contains a currency exchange bureau, information desk, traffic control personnel,

climbing up to 1000 feet heads for Antwerp—the first stopping point—42 minutes away.

The average stopping time is about two minutes, and if there are no passengers to be picked up, the point is overflown. From Antwerp the capital is less than half-an-hour's flight, and soon the machine is descending to the concrete apron of the heliport, only a few minutes from the heart of Brussels.

Two points invariably raised when helicopters are discussed are the noise factor, and whether the helicopter can pay its way. Sabena states that although its helicopters had been carrying mail into Brussels for more than three years prior to the present passenger service, so far not a single complaint about noise has been received.

On the contrary, the citizens are so proud of Belgium's pioneering work in this field of travel that they want more helicopter services.

Helicopters are certainly expensive machines to operate, bearing in mind their limited payloads. The cost of flying a relatively small one can be as great as that of operating a 27-seat airliner. By using the minimum of staff and reducing formalities, however, Sabena is making only a small loss.

But this loss, it is felt, is outweighed by the experience being gained, experience that will be invaluable in the near future.

but the pupils will cut hay anywhere in the district—provided, of course, that the school can have the hay.

For the school farm can do with all it can get. It can use grasses and clovers from the vicar's meadows, or from the village football field, indeed from almost anywhere so long as it is in fair condition.

Some weeks before haymaking begins the mowing machine is overhauled so that all is ready. It is pulled by the tractor, and has a cutting bar five feet in length.

When the machine is in motion, the cutting bar is brought up against the standing crop, and the knives act as scissors. They work between the steel fingers, cutting off the grass close to the ground and leaving it in swaths on the field.

TIME TO START

We had been looking at the grass for some days to make certain that everything was ready. The good weather was holding, the pink and crimson blossoms of the clover were waving among the grass. It was time to make a start.

One small team went off with the tractor and hay cutter. Their job was to cut two fields of five and three acres. Other teams went off with scythes to cut much smaller fields, and everyone worked late.

A day or two afterwards the swaths were turned so that they would be completely dry, and then

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FESTIVAL OF BOYHOOD

On Saturday more than 4000 members of the Boys' Brigade from all parts of Britain are to present a Festival of Boyhood in the Empire Stadium at Wembley. They will thus commemorate the centenary of the birth of their founder, Sir William Alexander Smith.

Among the most impressive items in the 2½-hour programme will be a performance by a band of 500 players, the largest ever assembled by this oldest youth movement. It will be divided into two sections, a brass band and a drum-and-bugle band, and they will counter-march up and down the centre of the arena. Rehearsals have been under the tuition of a Coldstream Guards Drum Major.

There is to be a march past of Old Boys at which the President, Lord Maclay, will take the salute and groups of lads, from 300 to 500 strong, will give mass demonstrations of physical training.

SPIRIT OF WALES

Over 300 young Welshmen are taking part in a mammoth display, called The Spirit of Wales, and from the Hawick group in Scotland a pipe band and dancers are coming to perform.

New Colours will be presented to the London District by Lady Maclay, and will be received by boys of the 1st New Barnet Company, which won the London District drill competition. The sporting event of the afternoon is to be an international relay race on the speedway track between teams from England, Scotland, Wales, Dublin, Belfast, and London.

An audience of more than 40,000 is expected to see this inspiring example of the Brigade's activities.

DEAR FISH

A Filey man was fishing for salmon when a 24-foot shark weighing three tons swam into his net. Repairs will cost him £70.

Steps to Sporting Fame



A number of good young fast bowlers have taken their places in county cricket in the past few years, and one who is striding to fame is Alan Moss.



Born at Tottenham, Nov. 11, 1930, Alan soon determined that the first thing a fast bowler should try to master was the art of bowling straight. As a training method, he favours bowling at a single stump.



Length and speed, he says, can follow. Direction should be the first consideration. Today, he commands all three. Over six feet tall and weighing 14 stone, he has an ideal build for a really fast, attacking bowler.

Alan Moss



Alan first played for Middlesex in 1950 and was awarded his county cap two years later. He keeps fit during the winter by felling willow trees, but more pleasant still last winter was his trip to the West Indies.

WATERMEN'S HALL

The 4000 members of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen, one of the City of London's ancient Livery Companies, have their fine hall open to the public this summer, after bomb damage repair.

Watermen's Hall, where the court or council of the Company hold their meetings, has stood since 1780, in St. Mary-at-Hill, close to Billingsgate. It possesses manuscripts which give glimpses of the Thames watermen's lives and work centuries ago.

FROZEN THAMES

The periodical freezing of the river during the 17th and 18th centuries led to much hardship among the watermen. In January 1683 the Company's accounts show that £200 was distributed to "poor watermen and widows in the great frost."

In those days the Thames was London's chief highway, and the watermen correspond to our modern taxi-drivers.

The giving of the Company's freedom to new apprentices has always been a ceremonial occasion. Each young waterman taking up his freedom would, up to the nineteenth century, drink from the Company's "Batchelors' Bowl." This ornate silver cup is still among the Company's treasures.

FLOATING SHOWROOM

A wartime minesweeper has been converted into a floating showroom to display British goods overseas. She is the Motor Yacht Thurgar, and she has been refitted throughout for her new career.

Sponsored by a firm of moulders of industrial plastics and manufacturers of optical, toilet, and fancy goods, the Thurgar has been moored for a time in the Thames, near the Tate Gallery, and is now on her first "selling cruise" to Scandinavia and the principal European ports. Then, if all goes well, it is intended to voyage to ports in the Western Hemisphere.

BANISHING SMOKE AND SMOG

It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good, says the old proverb, and it seems to be true even if the wind is laden with smoke. For a British drycleaner at an American conference of that trade, some time ago, had a kind word for the sooty atmosphere of his native land.

"British cleaners enjoy several advantages over American cleaners," he told his envying fellow-traders. "Over there we burn the cheapest coal, and the heavy smog makes everything filthy. This is very good for our business. Another thing," he added,

"is that Englishwomen wear gloves more frequently than American women. Milady grips the handrail of a bus and her glove is covered with grime. Result: another half-crown job waiting for us."

This smugness about smog is quoted in *Smokeless Air*, the official journal of the National Smoke Abatement Society, which also points out that our bronchial tubes, as well as our clothes, are damaged by smoke.

The death rate in England and Wales from chronic bronchitis is six times greater than it is in the Netherlands and Germany, nine times greater than Norway, 30 times higher than in the U.S.A. and Finland, and 60 times higher than in Denmark. The smoke demon is suspected as the assassin.

The Society's recently published *Shilling Year Book* shows how it is carrying on its job of arousing public interest in cleansing city air of, "solid particles of soot, fine dust, and minute liquid droplets of tar and oil"—to use a Government Committee's definition of a city's smoke.

An appeal is being made to

Local Authorities to use qualified inspectors against the smog nuisance. Industry is also to be asked to pool its knowledge on preventing smoke pollution, and trade unions are urged to co-operate in training stokers, boiler-men, and firemen.

The vision of Britain's cities made clean and bright and smokeless is one which is sure to attract their future citizens.

But the present dirty haze cannot be banished unless public-spirited people support the efforts of the National Smoke Abatement Society.

FLYNN MEMORIAL

A worthy memorial to the Very Revd. Dr. John Flynn, "Flynn of the Inland," is being built by the Presbyterian Church at Alice Springs in Central Australia. It is a church with its own museum.

The John Flynn Memorial Church will remind all who worship there—and all who pass by—of Dr. Flynn's great achievement in opening up inland Australia with his Flying Doctor Service and pedal radio.

THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER—picture-version of Mark Twain's famous story (5)



That night the boys fried their bacon on deserted Jackson's Island. It seemed glorious sport to be feasting in this wild, free way, and they said they would never "return to civilisation." But when they tried to sleep conscience disturbed them. Joe thought of the stolen bacon, and Tom and Huck could not forget poor Muff Potter awaiting trial for Injun Joe's crime, of which only they knew the truth.



Next day they saw a cannon being fired from a steamboat. They knew this was done with the idea of bringing a body to the surface, and they realised the villagers thought they were drowned. Here was triumph! They were missed; they were mourned; tears were being shed; accusing memories of unkindness to these poor lost lads were rising up, and unavailing regrets and remorse were being indulged!



Later, misgivings came. They all wanted to go back but would not admit it. Joe and Tom got Huck to show them how to smoke. "I could smoke this pipe all day!" boasted Joe. But soon the silences in the talk widened. Every pore inside the beginners' cheeks became a spouting fountain. The pipes drooped from nerveless fingers. First Joe, then Tom, made excuses to vanish into the bushes.



That night a tremendous storm broke over them. A furious blast roared through the trees, making everything sing as it went. One blinding flash after another came, and peal on peal of deafening thunder. Then a drenching rain poured down, and the rising hurricane drove it in sheets along the ground. Every little while some giant tree yielded to the fight and fell crashing through the younger growth.

How will the gay runaways fare in this tempestuous weather? See next week's instalment

Grand new story of adventure on Exmoor

MYSTERY ON THE MOOR

by Garry Hogg

While their parents are abroad, Nessa and Lance Conway are in the care of their uncle, Bruce Halliday, who is connected in some way with the Secret Service. He has business in the West Country, and takes the children to stay at a little cottage on Exmoor. The next morning Nessa and Lance are anxious to explore the countryside.

2. The warning

"AND remember," Bruce said, as we stood on the doorstep, all impatient to be off, "the sky is blue, the sun is shining, there is not a cloud in sight. But this is the moor, and the 'm' can stand for mist as well as for moor."

Nessa turned to him, puzzled. "But surely, on a day like this, Bruce—" she began.

"Even on a day like this," he repeated. "That is why I am warning you right at the outset. There would be no need to on a morning that had broken misty. But even a morning like this can turn to an afternoon of mist that comes up almost without warning, like an army of pale ghosts, wraiths without substance, blotting out everything except the turf right at your feet."

"You are trying to frighten us so as to get us to stay here at the cottage to keep you company!" Nessa mocked him.

He grinned. "I warned you before, in that first letter, that I

IN YOUR GARDEN

12. Looking after the lawn

TRY to treat the lawn more gently. If your lawn-mower has a roller attached to it there will be no need to do any other rolling, except of course on a tennis court or a cricket pitch.

Certainly you should not use a roller when the ground is too wet, for this will cause the surface to become caked. If, despite all your care, this does happen, go over the lawn with a garden fork and push the prongs into the turf to a depth of about one inch.

Cut the grass once or even twice a week during the growing season and give it a good brushing with a stiff broom now and again.

A small lawn is best weeded by hand. Alternatively, one of the new "selective" weedkillers can be used. These are so named because they select broad-leaved weeds, such as daisies, and kill them without harming the finer grasses.

A feed of hoof and horn meal or dried blood will often give new life to a lawn. Sulphate of ammonia can be used—but sparingly.

did not want you pottering about and getting in my way. I have work to do, even if you two are on holiday. Believe me, I shall be delighted to see the backs of you!"

Nessa pouted. "He is not terribly polite, is he, Lance?" she said.

Bruce smote us on the shoulders. "Hop along, then, both of you. To be honest, I don't think there is more than the remotest chance of mist coming up today. But it could do. I have merely warned you. Anyway, you have a map of the district, a compass which you both know how to use; and a whistle for any real emergency."

"Not to mention our supply of chocolate," Nessa said.

"Nut-and-raisin," I added. "The best sort of 'iron rations.' Useful if our sandwiches give out. We have enough to withstand a siege, if necessary."

"And who is going to besiege you, and where?" Bruce laughed.

"You never know, on the moor," Nessa answered, imitating as best she could the serious and solemn tone in which he had been telling us about the mist. "There is always that army of pale ghosts, you know!"

He laughed, and we set off.

On our own

We turned once, at the bend of the lane, where the track began that we had decided to follow, and took one more look at the snug little cottage that stood all by itself, with the tiny stream bubbling past its small garden. We knew there was a farm not very far away, hidden in a fold of the moor, from which milk and eggs and home-baked bread would be brought every day by a woman who was cooking for Bruce and us and generally keeping an eye on things.

We were on our own for the whole of the day, free to wander where we liked, by map and compass, with enough food to keep us going till evening, and enough money in our pockets to buy ourselves a glass of milk at a farm or a couple of bottles of "pop" if we happened to find ourselves anywhere near a village.

"Let's keep away from villages, though, in spite of the 'pop,'" Nessa said. "We can see people and shops and things when we are at home. Let's just get to know the moor—to begin with, at any rate."

Exmoor ponies

We wandered about most of the morning, taking first one track and then another, some of them so narrow and zigzaggy that they must have been sheep-tracks rather than tracks made by people. We hardly saw a soul all morning.

"Oh, look!" Nessa said.

Far across the rolling turf we saw a string of dark ponies scudding along with their tails

flying, their manes tossing. "Aren't they lovely!" she sighed. "I wish we could have a couple, and go riding, Lance, don't you?"

"They are Exmoor ponies," I said. "Wild ones. You don't hire them from a riding-stable, or anything like that. They have them on Dartmoor, too."

"Perhaps we'll get closer to them, some time, anyway," Nessa said. "I'd adore to be able to stroke one."

We had lunch sitting on a boulder surrounded by miles and miles of heather, and afterwards we wriggled down between two big clumps and took things easy. So easy, in fact, that—believe it or not—we both fell asleep. I suppose the long drive of the day before and all the excitement of arriving had made us sleepier than we knew.

Caught in the mist

"Lance!"

I was woken suddenly and violently by Nessa. Blinking, I rubbed my eyes, and opened them—to see nothing but thin whiteness all about us!

"Mist—on the moor!" I murmured, staring full into Nessa's startled face. "Who would have thought—?"

"What are we going to do?" she asked, gripping my arm. "We haven't any idea where we are, have we?"

"Don't get alarmed," I said. "We have a map and compass. All we need to do is to set the map, look out the most direct route back to the cottage, and then—get going."

She did not answer. She did not even look very reassured. And to be quite truthful, I was not very sure myself. It had been so easy, just dodging along the tracks beneath a bright sky. I knew how long we had been walking, and the general direction in which we had set out. But I did not know at what speed we had been walking, or, for that matter, how long we had been dozing in the heather.

Optimistic words

"It's three o'clock," I said, glancing at my watch. "Pots of time before it gets dark, anyway."

"It is dark now," Nessa said. "This white mist is just as bad as darkness when you don't know where you are."

I stood up, and shook her to her feet. "Come on, Ness! No need to look on the worst side of it! Let's get moving. We'll come across a road, or at any rate a lane, just when we are least expecting to. Even a farm track. There are bags of them all over the place!" But I must admit I spoke with more confidence than I really felt.

The mist was cold as well as white, and I could not help thinking how accurate Bruce's description of it had been: "An

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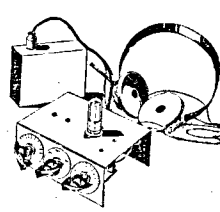
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SPORTS SHORTS

LEN MUNCER, popular Glamorgan all-rounder, is taking a well-earned benefit this week when Middlesex provide the opposition at Swansea. This is fitting, for Muncer, born in London, played for Middlesex from 1933 until he moved to Glamorgan in 1946.

THE World Soccer Cup competition starts this week in Switzerland, when the first rounds will be played between the 16 countries contesting. England's first match is against Belgium at Basle on Thursday. Uruguay are the World Cup holders.

Two of the Southampton Schools team that did so well in the English Shield last season have signed amateur forms for Arsenal. They are David Barratt and David Bennett, who was a member of the English international XI. West Ham United have signed on as amateurs the eleven boys who represented the West Ham Schools last season. These boys won the Essex Schools Cup, and reached the final of the London Schools Shield and the semi-final of the English Shield.

THIS weekend the Women's A.A.A. championships will be held at London's White City, and most of Britain's leading athletes will be competing. One outstanding event should be the 880 yards in which five-minute miler Diane Leather, Norah Smalley, and Chris Slemon will appear. These three are the holders of the 3 x 880 yards world record.

GEOFFREY WILKINSON, a young bowler playing for a York XI against Heslington, clean-bowled all ten of his opponents for nine runs!

TERRY COURTNEILL, 20-year-old speedway rider recently transferred from Yarmouth to West Ham, will never forget his first ride for his new club. His engine failed with more than three-quarters of a lap to go, but as only three riders were left in the race young Terry pushed his bike round the track to win his first point for West Ham.

A FEW years ago Tom Mitchell, "Dusty" Rhodes, and Alf Pope were regular members of the Derbyshire County cricket team. In a recent Derbyshire Club and Ground XI were their sons: Tommy Mitchell (22), Harold Rhodes (17), and Alf Pope (19).

THE best of friends in private life but keen rivals on their racing bikes are the Halesowen twins, Bernard and Stanley Higginson. Recently Bernard won the Welsh 25 miles time trial, to emulate his twin, who held the title in 1952. Now Bernard is all out to wrest the national championship from brother Stanley!

A 30-YEAR-OLD miner's lamp is to be used to carry the Olympic flame from Athens in Greece to Cairns, Queensland, for the 1956 Olympic Games. From Queensland, runners will carry the flame 1800 miles to Melbourne.

CN Competition No. 5

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THIS week's puzzle is a test of your powers of observation, and there are ten £1 notes to be won by the boys and girls who send in the best entries.

The illustration below shows a scene on a farm, and in it are a number of objects beginning with the letter C. There is a Caravan, for example. See if you can find 19 others, to make exactly 20—not more!

List your twenty words in ink or pencil on a postcard or piece of plain paper. Add your name, age, and full address, and ask a parent or guardian to sign the entry as your own unaided work. Finally, cut out the Competition Token (marked CN Token) given at the foot of the back page of this issue, attach it to your entry, and post to

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to arrive by Tuesday, June 29, the closing date.

The money prizes will be awarded for the ten entries which are correct, or most nearly so, and the best written according to age. The competition is open to all readers under 17 living in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, and the Channel Islands. The Editor's decision is final.



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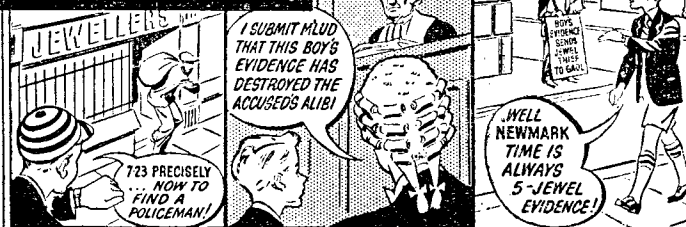
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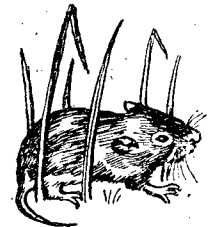
RUNNING COMMENTARY

"AND there I was," related the bore describing a trip to Africa, "face to face with a lion and no bullets left. What do you think I did?"

Came the voice from the least impressed of his listeners: "I should think at least 30 miles an hour."

SPOT THE . . .

BANK-VOLE as he goes boldly about his business in the hedge-bank. He is the smallest of British voles, being about 3½ inches in length, with a round, blunt nose typical of the species.



His back is a reddish colour and his underparts a creamy yellow, while the shortish tail ends in a pencil of dark hairs—a very handsome little chap indeed. He is extremely agile and able to climb quite well.

The nest in which the young are reared is often lined with feathers and sheep's wool. Farmers and gardeners are not fond of these small gentlemen, because they play havoc with crops and bulbs.

Why . . .

is a wise man like a pin?

Because he has a head and comes to the point.

Golden fortune

BIGGEST gold nugget ever found in Australia was discovered in 1931 only 18 inches below the surface by 16-year-old James Joseph Larcombe. It weighed over 1135 ounces and was valued at nearly £6000.

LEADER OF MEN

"I DIDN'T know you were a good cricketer. Why have you been made captain?"
"It's my bat."

Find the birds

CAN you form the names of at least ten different birds from the letters given below? You may use each letter as many times as you wish.

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Answer next week

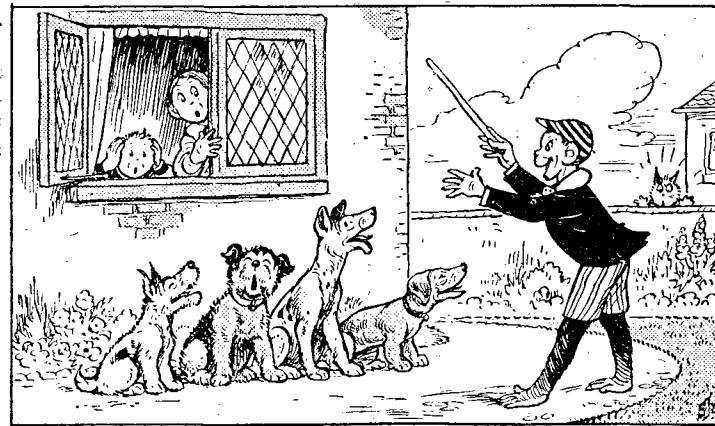
Wake up!

"KEEP your eyes open," said Johnny.

"What for?" asked Tommy, getting interested.

"You won't be able to see if you don't."

JACKO STARTS A CHORUS OF COMPLAINT



Mother Jacko was always complaining about Bouncer and his friends and the noise they made as they scampered about in the garden. So one day Jacko attempted to restore peace and quiet. He gathered them together but they immediately began to howl. So Jacko grabbed a stick and started conducting this dog-chorus. Then Mother Jacko came to see what the caterwauling (or doggerwauling, as Jacko put it) was all about! And they all beat a hasty retreat—Jacko and dogs and all!

What . . .

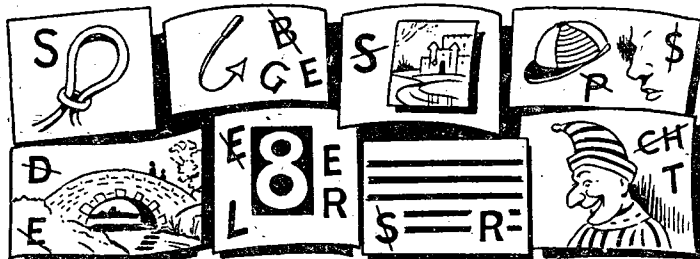
has a foot but no leg?

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CAN YOU SOLVE THIS PICTURE-PUZZLE?

Correct answers will give the names of eight types of boats.

Answer next week



BEDTIME CORNER

Billy is taken for a ride

BILLY was most amused when he heard that Jean was having riding lessons.

"You don't have to have lessons to ride a horse," he said scornfully. "You just get on, take the reins—and ride."

"It's not as easy as that," laughed Jean. "One of these days you will find out."

A few days later Billy was sailing his yacht on the Common when Jean came trotting along on a pony. She stopped when she saw Billy.

"Want a ride?" she asked.

"Rather," said Billy. Jean slid off the pony and handed the reins to Billy.

After much puffing and

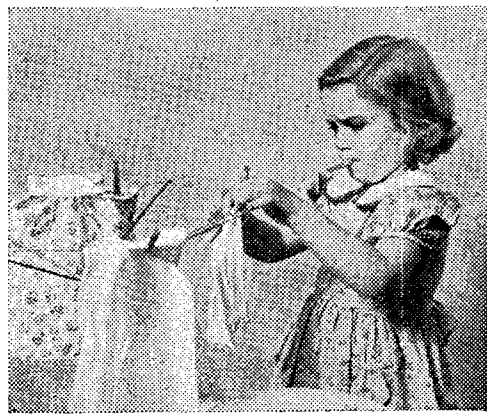
heaving he managed to get onto the pony's back—and then slid off as the pony moved!

Once again he scrambled on, and this time he managed to sit astride the saddle.

But as soon as Jean took the pony's bridle and began walking Billy's arms went round the pony's neck. And when Jean broke into a run, once more Billy slid gently to the ground.

"You just get on, take the reins—and ride," chuckled Jean.

Billy grinned ruefully. "It is a bit harder than I thought," he said. "I think I shall have to have some more practice on my rocking horse."



Another day of Dolly's washing done!

Coming up to scratch

WHEN we say that anyone has come up to scratch we are really going back to the days of prize-fighting when boxers fought with bare fists.

Across the ring was scratched a line which the contestants toed, squaring up to one another before being given the signal to start.

When the boxers "came up to scratch" it meant that they were both fit, ready, and able to fight. Nowadays, coming up to scratch means coming up to the required standard.

Sammy Simple

"THE sun," explained teacher, "is very much larger than the earth."

"Then why," queried Sammy, "doesn't it keep off the rain?"

THREE-IN-ONE

MATERIAL of films
Island in the Pacific
Sea between Italy and Yugoslavia
Capital of Iceland
Machine used for setting up type
Prolific American inventor
Greek philosopher

To find the answers to these clues link three of the letter-groups below. Write the answers in a list and you will find that their first and last letters spell the names of a famous novelist.

Ad Cel cra Ed Ha ii is kja Li lul not oid on Rey ria So tes tic vik wa ype

Answer next week

PYRAMID PUZZLE

Can you build a pyramid of words with the answers to the clues below? After the first, each line contains the same letters as the line before, though not necessarily in the same order, and each new line has one new letter added.

ONE of the three Rs
Elizabeth Regina

Before

Change direction

Poetry

Harsh

Cut

Concealing emotion

Answer next week

Table talk

"It looks like rain, sir," said the waitress, placing some soup on the table.

"Yes," replied the diner, peering closely at it, "it is a bit thin."

Pair them off

CAN you find eight four-letter words to fit the following clues, then pair them off to make four eight-letter words?

Not so many	Allows
An outing	Soft, pulpy mess
Chamber	Sea fish
Metal thread	Heavenly body

Answer next week

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Puzzle in verse: C-sh, daw-n, jam-b, part-y.
Two meanings: Saw, plume, barrow, ruler
vice, cramp, crane, level.

CHEER	ADD
MEN	ORDER
SEDATE	WA
LEGACY	N
TSAR	TASK
E	REPORT
AA	EARNED
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